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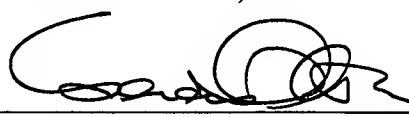
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC., referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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